

City of Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Inova Alexandria Hospital Board Room

Members Present: Pamela Copley, Fire Chief Adam Thiel, Dr. Marty Brown, Holly Heislup, Burke Wilson, Pam Alesky, Brett Fitzgerald, Dr. Tom Clark, Michele Evans, Scooter Slade, Diane Dickerson
Excused: Dr. Jim Vafier
Guests: Brian Hricik, Andrew Snead, Denise Pouget
Absent: Rob Rapanut, Paul Prevost

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESPONSIBILITIES TIMELINES
Welcome, Announcements & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order by Chair, Pam Copley at 7:08 p.m. Pam welcomed everyone and extended a special welcome to two new Asst Fire/EMS Chiefs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asst. Fire/EMS Chief Denise Pouget Asst. Fire/EMS Chief Andrew Snead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to All
Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Dr. Brown made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written; the motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the 3/24/08 meeting were approved as written.
OLD and/or ONGOING BUSINESS		
Call of the Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam acknowledged that only one of the two prior Call of the Quarter recipients was able to attend the presentation of this award at the EMS breakfast on May 20th at Inova Alexandria Hospital. There was some discussion regarding what we could do to support their ability to attend. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A suggestion was made to go to their station to make the presentations; this would provide more visibility with their peer group and possibly be more comfortable for the recipients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council agreed to consider this option for the next award recipients.
EMS Council Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently you can access the EMS website via the AFD website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are in progress to move the EMS website to be under the City Council website also. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Thiel advised he will contact the appropriate individuals to make this change.

NEW BUSINESS		
Call of the Quarter Recognition Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam explained the Call of the Quarter process to the new members • Pam advised she was approached to convert this award into more of a citation for the EMS personnel and suggested that we provide recognition pins to the awardees; may also change the name of the award. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam has some new concepts to share with the Council at the next meeting
Public Health Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PHAC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. • Brian Hricik has agreed to be the EMS Council representative to the PHAC • Chief Thiel advised that the composition of the PHAC has recently changed; the Emergency Management Office representative now has a seat on the committee. • Lisa Kaplowitz is the new director of the health department and she is a strong EMS supporter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Call of the Quarter Nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six cases were presented and discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once again, the selection was most difficult due to the high quality of care and teamwork demonstrated by all. • Case #3 that occurred on June 2, 2008 was selected for the Call of the Quarter award. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Paramedics Don Scott and Joshua Weissman! • Pam will coordinate the presentation of this award at the paramedics' fire station; EMS Council members are invited to attend.
EMS Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Thiel provided an EMS update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are a total of three assistant fire chiefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are two new assistant fire chiefs—both are fire fighter/paramedics. ○ 2009 budget planning is ongoing ○ 2010 budget planning is also in progress ○ There is an initiative to have 2 health and safety officers for each shift 24/7. ○ A facilities needs assessment is being done for City Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
2009 Budget & Retirement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele reported that the governor is requesting budget cuts. • Discussions on enhancing the retirement program are ongoing; this remains a work in progress. • The EMS career path was enhanced with more supervisory positions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Boards & Commissions Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele advised that a subcommittee of City Council has made a recommendation that there be limits set for the terms of offices for Boards and Commission members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a public hearing in October regarding this recommendation. ○ This has been presented in the past and was voted down. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Council members value the tenure of its members.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the Council will be <u>Monday, November 17, 2008</u>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ~8:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Inova Alexandria Hospital Board Room.

Respectfully submitted—Diane Dickerson, Secretary